

## Exceptional Pupils Ages 3-21 Endorsement for Hearing Impairments

**To qualify for the endorsement for hearing impairments, a person must:**

1. Hold a certificate from the Council on Education of the Deaf; **OR**
2. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the area of hearing impairments and have completed 8 semester credits of student teaching, equivalent field experience or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience in special education; **OR**
3. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree; **AND**
  - A. Have completed 8 semester hours of student teaching of pupils who have hearing impairments, equivalent field experience with such pupils or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; **AND**
  - B. Have completed 18 semester credits of course work from **at least six** of the following areas:
    - I. Characteristics of pupils who have hearing impairments
    - II. Methods of communication for pupils who have hearing impairments
    - III. Anatomy and physiology of the ear and the mechanisms of speech
    - IV. Audiology
    - V. Hearing aids and auditory training
    - VI. Development of the curriculum and methods of teaching pupils who have hearing impairments
    - VII. Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities
    - VIII. Linguistics, speech and language for pupils who have hearing impairments
    - IX. Introduction to special education or education of pupils who have disabilities; **OR**
    - X. Education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment and living independently as an adult